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**CITY OF DELAWARE CITY
SPECIAL MAYOR AND COUNCIL MEETING
MAY 2, 2007**

CALL TO ORDER – SPECIAL MAYOR AND COUNCIL MEETING

The Honorable Mayor Bennett called to order the special meeting of the Mayor and Council at 7:45 p.m. Present were council members Martin, Parker, Parets, Marocco and Graham. Also present were City Manager Morrill, City Treasurer Walls.

SWEARING-IN OF NEWLY ELECTED OFFICIALS

The Honorable Mayor Bennett conducted the swearing-in of council member Paul Parets.

INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Council member Parets led the invocation and the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPOINTMENT OF ALFRED KACZOROWSKI AS ACTING CHIEF OF POLICE

Council member Graham made a motion to approve the appointment of Alfred Kaczorowski as Acting Chief of Police. Council member Parker seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken, all ayes, motion carried. The Honorable Mayor Bennett conducted the swearing-in of Acting Chief of Police Kaczorowski.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Council member Parets made a motion to move to executive session. Council member Parker seconded the motion. A vote was taken, all ayes, motion carried. Police staffing and salaries were discussed. Summer interns were also discussed.

ADJOURN EXECUTIVE SESSION

Council member Parets made a motion to adjourn the executive session. Council member Parker seconded the motion. A vote was taken, all ayes, motion carried.

APPROVAL OF FISCAL YEAR 2008 ANNUAL TAX ASSESSMENT ROLL

City Manager Morrill informed the Mayor and Council that the overall assessment would be lower than it was for FY07 as the old fire hall had not been reassessed last year by New Castle County. However, it has since been reassessed and the assessment dropped from \$1.2 million to \$270,000. In addition Delmarva was reassessed, decreasing from an assessed value of \$589,100 to \$270,000. Discussion followed. The Assessment Board of Appeals was set for 5/21/07 at 7:00. Council Member Parets made a motion to approve the Fiscal Year 2008 Annual Tax Assessment Roll. Council member Martin seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken, all ayes, motion carried.

CITY MANAGER'S BUDGET MESSAGE

City Manager Morrill informed the Mayor and Council that he would not recommend a tax increase. In addition, he would not propose any salary increases or employee bonuses, other than the promotional increase for the new Acting Chief of Police. The City Manager also explained unobligated equity as it applies to the budget, as well as \$60,000 that is owed to The City by the Water Fund. City Manager Morrill reported that he would be serving as the construction manager for the Sterling's project. As such, he could be paid \$40,000 from the grant. He volunteered to have this money paid to The City until such time as The City would be able to repay him. In addition, there is a management fee for the Transportation Grant that could be legitimately charged to the grant. The amount, based on the City Manager's and the City Treasurer's time, would be approximately \$15,000 to \$20,000. This fee would also be paid to The City. Discussion followed. Council member Parets recommended at least one budget workshop. It was determined that the workshop would be held on 5/30/07 at 7:00 p.m.

DELAWARE CITY ATHLETIC LEAGUE

Council member Parker initiated a discussion regarding the donation that was previously requested. He recommended that The City donate \$1000 to the

athletic league, with the understanding that the cost of mowing the ball field in the future would be paid by the athletic league. Discussion followed. Council Member Parker made a motion to donate \$1000 to the Delaware City Athletic League. Council member Parets seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken, all ayes, motion carried. City Manager Morrill will, at the request of the Mayor and Council, notify Mr. Yowell that The City cannot continue to mow the grass.

ADJOURNMENT

Council Member Parker made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Council Member Marocco seconded the motion. A vote was taken, all ayes, motion carried. The meeting adjourned at approximately 9:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Dawn K. Gwynn
City Secretary